

Health and the Environment: Inheriting a sustainable world

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Technical Briefing

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Around **12.6 million deaths a year** are due to **preventable environmental health risks** which represents 23% of the global burden of disease.

This is of critical concern for the public health community. Factors such as **air pollution, unsustainable urbanisation**, and the continuing risk of **infectious diseases** related to water, sanitation and the changing climate are heavily contributing to the burden of NCDs.

The briefing will showcase **global and local solutions** that have managed to successfully tackle environmental - health risks and how the public health community is promoting the implementation of adaptation and mitigation actions under the Paris Agreement.

Part 1 - Technical presentations

- Latest update on the new Urban Health Initiative and the Road Map for an Enhanced Global Response to the adverse health effects of air pollution, by increasing capacity and taking action to address the health risks of air pollution.
- So I Can Breathe
BBC special season on tackling air pollution and the BBC Solutions - Focused Journalism.
- Health and Climate Change at COP-23 and G7 Initiative
- Health, Environment and Climate Change Coalition" (HECCC)
- Road map to enhance health sector engagement in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management towards the 2020 goal and beyond, and ministry of health input to the "Beyond 2020" process.
- Implementation of WHA 67.11 on the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Part 2 - Ministerial round table discussion